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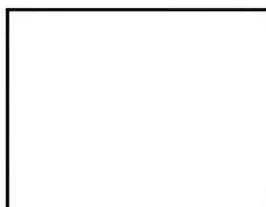


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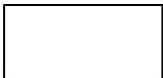
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1. A new construction site, probably for an airfield, was observed in the Hsi-wa area of Tibet on photography of [redacted]. This would be the first airfield in eastern Tibet. The site is 16 nautical miles southwest of Hsi-wa at 30°31'30"S 097°08'00"E. It consists of three small camps west of the Chang-tu/Ché-pa road and one large camp east of the road (Figure 1).

2. The camps contain a total of 38 barracks, at least one messhall, seven storage buildings (with canvas-covered supplies in the immediate area), 20 support buildings, approximately 90 tents or sheds, and numerous vehicles/pieces of equipment.

3. The size, location, and layout of the construction camp are similar to those of the camp observed at Jih-ko-tse Airfield [redacted]. Actual construction work had not been started at the time of the photography.

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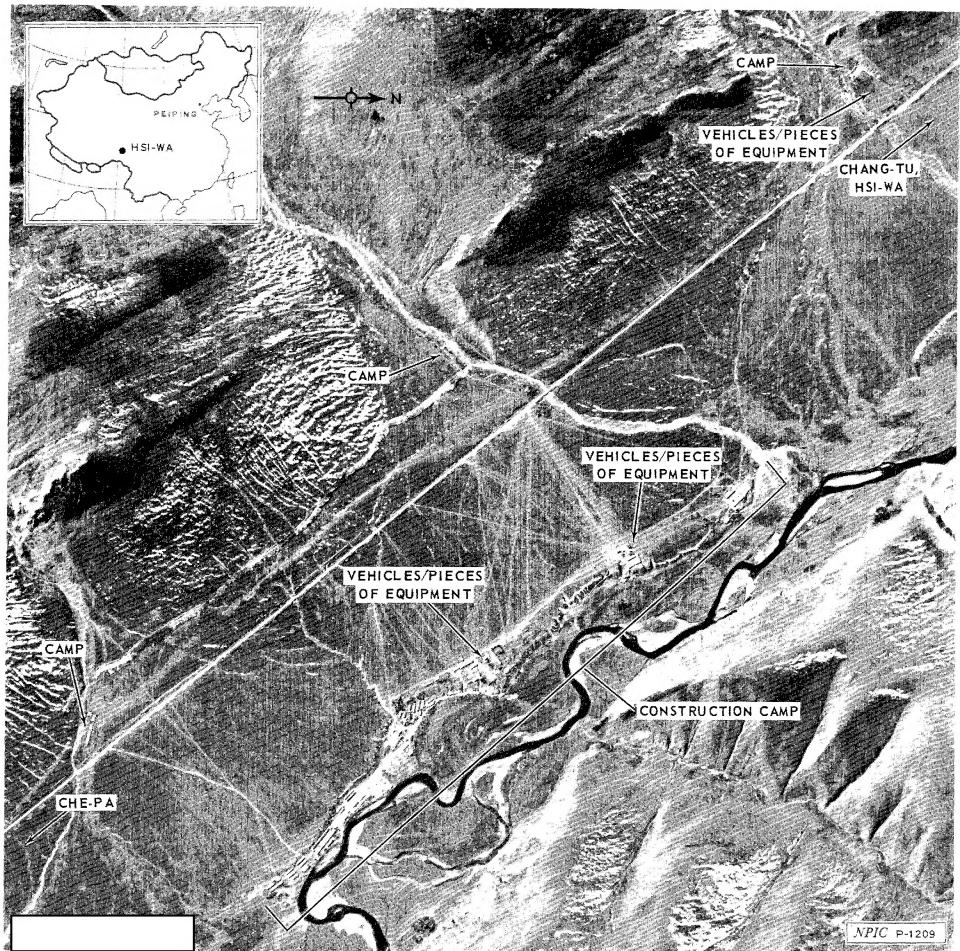


FIGURE 1. PROBABLE AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION SITE, HSI-WA, CHINA

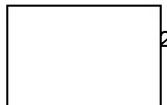
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